

REMARKS

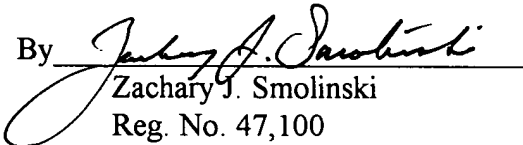
The present application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/878,515. An Office Action is outstanding in that case, and the present application is being filed to pursue claims deemed by the Examiner to be improper for a Request for Continued Examination in that case. The date for reply to the Office Action, with a one-month extension, was Saturday, December 13. The present continuation is thus believed to be timely with the fee for a one-month extension of time. The Applicants are concurrently filing a request for a refund in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/878,515.

In the specification, the Title has been changed to correct a clerical error.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees required (except for payment of the issue fee) from or to credit any overpayment to Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47097-00066USC1.

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